

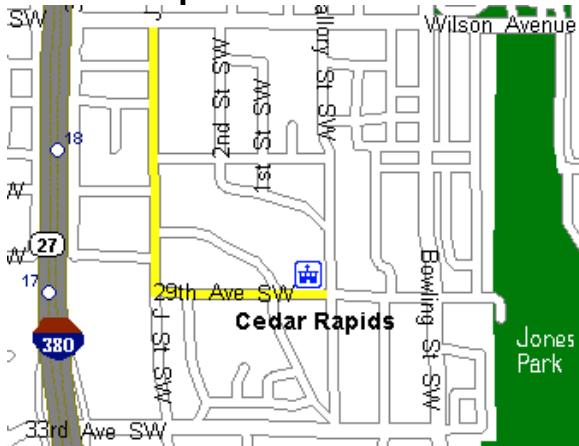


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Hus Happenings

Hus Presbyterian Church presents...



HUS RACING LEAGUE

Join us for the 2007 Season!

Spend quality time with family, friends, and neighbors racing Hot Wheels, Match Box, & Johnny Lightning cars on the 2nd Saturday of each month from February to November. It is a fun, exciting, and intense event that all will enjoy. Registration at 9:30 AM. Races at 10 AM. So come, enjoy the food, enjoy the excitement, enjoy the rush and just **HAVE FUN!**





Join the
Worship
Team at
Mission of
Hope on
Saturday,
March 17th
at 6:30 PM.



**DAYLIGHT-
SAVING
TIME BEGINS
MARCH 11th**

March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Prayer Warriors- 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study at the Page's – 7 PM	2 Breakfast Club at Prairie Middle School - 7:30 AM World Day of Prayer	3
4 2 nd Sunday in Lent Worship Service - 9:30 AM Sunday School – 11 AM Confirmation - 2 PM	5 Alpha Class- 5:45 PM – 7:45 PM at Jackson's Home 4210 Morris Ave NW Youth Ministry Prayer - 7 PM	6 Quilters - 8:30 AM Bible Study – 1:30 PM Trustee's Meeting- 7:00 PM	7 H.S. Bible Study at Marion HS - 7:30 AM Lenton Meditations at Trinity United Methodist Church- 9:30 AM Youth Group Movie Night - 5:15 PM Meal- 5:15 PM Choir- 7 PM Worship Team- 8 PM	8 Prayer Warriors- 12:30 PM Women's Bible Study at the Page's – 7 PM LCAE Luncheon- 12:00 PM at Immanuel Baptist	9 Breakfast Club at Kennedy High School - 7:00 AM Hus Church's 118 th Birthday! 	10 Hus Racing League Registration- 9:30 AM Racing begins-10 AM
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SOJOURNING AND PATHSETTING

We are in the season of Lent, and this means we, as disciples of Jesus are to be reflecting on Jesus' call for us to follow Him. This is far more than just our sense of knowing Jesus as the One who died for our sins, but involves a whole life response to Jesus as the One we have given ourselves to completely and irrevocably. This is what Jesus is asking for when He states in Mathew 16:24-25.

If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.

It is very important that we catch the invitational nature of these words. Jesus starts with the qualifier "if." **If** we would follow --- it is our decision, it is our choice! But if we do choose to follow, then the command applies to us: "he must deny himself and take up his cross." No one has to follow, but if we do, Jesus has made it clear that our lives will no longer be our own, and we will face sacrifice and difficulties that only come with following Jesus.

So, why would anyone want to follow Jesus? First, because we get to follow Jesus, who is God with us and the One who we love because He reveals to us God's love. And second reason is because we will "find" our lives, our true selves, our true lives. All other paths lead to a false sense of who we really are and an illusion of what life is. Only in following Jesus to we discover the truth of life and ourselves, and experience this truth as something wonderful and worthwhile.

Our aspirations and hopes as human beings do not come in being self-made people who have accomplished great deeds or accumulated self-protecting power. Rather they are fulfilled only through "denying ourselves" and "taking up our cross." Here Jesus shares with us His own challenging journey of love and hope, which is to give ourselves for others regardless of the costs, and to be dedicated to a purpose that is given only through knowing God.

As we all sojourn in the season of Lent, let's all remember the great invitation we have been given --- to follow Jesus. And let us focus on the truth we will live and experience as His disciples, regardless of whatever difficulties this may mean for us. Everyone must face trials and tribulations in their lives. The difference is only in whether our trials are part of a meaningful course of hope that brings God's love and grace to ourselves and others, or simply a series of unfortunate events. In Christ, everything in our lives will be part of path set by God, and will be part of a wonderful design used by God to show forth God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Peace,





Birthdays

2 nd	Zachary Reisetter
2 nd	Ruby Warren
4 th	Sheryl Abbott
5 th	David Page
5 th	David Raim
6 th	Marge Pace
7 th	Dorothy Connor
7 th	Brianna McAtee
8 th	Marie Swenka
8 th	Ellen Bean
10 th	Aimee Nunemaker
13 th	Bill Faltis
14 th	Irene Hutton
15 th	Irma Binko
15 th	Karissa Lockhart
16 th	Bonnie Tichy
17 th	Courtney VandeZandschulp
18 th	Erik Wenger
20 th	Dennis McGivern
31 st	Eleanor Harville
31 st	Sarah MacDougall

The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world's problems.

—Mohandas Gandhi

Happy
ANNIVERSARY

7th

Will & Jackie Jackson

20 years



Check us out online!

If you have access to a computer, go to
www.huschurch.org



✧ Transportation provided by the Deacons ✧

Please call the office by the Thursday to schedule a ride to church. A Deacon will return your call and arrange to pick you up and take you home following worship service.

A little encouragement goes a long way

A young girl in the children's choir was given a solo to sing. When the time came for her solo, she hesitated. A boy stepped forward to give her support. Then a woman whispered to her, "Come on, little sister, you can do it. You can do it." With that boost the child calmed down, remembered the words, and successfully finished her song.

Just a little encouragement can make a big difference to someone. Have you offered some today?

B-I-B-L-E Bible:

Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

Recall the old story of the grandmother who was reading the Bible. When her grandson asked her why, she said, "I'm getting ready for my final exam."

Daylight Saving Time rules have CHANGED beginning in the year 2007.*

Starting in 2007, Daylight Saving Time (DST) begins each year at 2:00 a.m. (local time) on the second Sunday in March in most of the United States and its territories. Clocks must be moved ahead one hour when DST goes into effect. DST is not observed in Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and the state of Arizona (with the exception of the Navajo Indian Reservation, which does observe DST).

Standard Time begins each year at 2:00 a.m. (local time) on the first Sunday of November. Move your clocks back one hour at the resumption of Standard Time.

In 2007, DST begins at 2:00 a.m. (local time) on March 11, 2007.

In 2007, DST ends at 2:00 a.m. (local time) on November 4, 2007.

The current Daylight Saving Time rules represent a change from the past. On August 8, 2005, President Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which included the changes in Daylight Saving Time described above, effective March 1, 2007. Prior to 2007, DST began at 2:00 a.m. (local time) on the first Sunday in April, and ended at 2:00 a.m. (local time) on the last Sunday in October. The new rules for DST beginning in 2007 means an extra four or five weeks of DST each year. There will now be a total of 238 days of DST, compared to a total of 210 days of DST in 2006 under the previous rules. Daylight Saving Time and time zones are regulated by the U. S. Department of Transportation, and not by NIST.

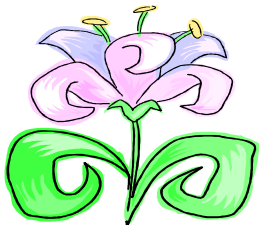
NIST radio broadcasts from station WWVB automatically synchronize many millions of consumer electronic products to NIST time, including wall clocks, watches, clock radios, and other timekeeping devices. These NIST radio broadcast includes information on whether or not DST is in effect, so these timekeeping products automatically correct for DST at the proper day and time.

If you have a computer (Windows and Mac OS) you will need to get an update for the Daylight Saving Rule change.

Windows: http://support.microsoft.com/gp/cp_dst

Mac OS: <http://docs.info.apple.com/article.html?artnum=305056>

**Information from <http://tf.nist.gov/general/history.htm>*



EASTER LILY DONATION

NAME OF DONOR _____

NUMBER OF PLANTS YOU WISH TO PURCHASE _____

If given in memory of/or in honor of (circle one)
please indicate name(s).

Please print legibly and place this form and the money in an envelope and place in the collection plate or on Lisa McAtee's desk.

Make checks payable to Hus Memorial Church.

Cost this year is \$9.00. Order and money due by March 25th.

Linn County Zero Poverty Project

For the past 14 months, Churches United, the Inter-Religious Council of Linn County and the Ecumenical Community Center Foundation have been working collaboratively on the Linn County ZeroPoverty Project.

We know, based on the rising costs of basic needs, a more competitive job market and the number of service agencies and churches receiving an increased number of calls for emergency assistance, that we cannot continue to approach poverty in our community in the same way, trying to catch everyone in the emergency nets of public assistance. While we continue to serve the poor with emergency financial assistance for rent and heat and meal sites, we must get intentional about getting people out of poverty, instead of simply managing the effects and symptoms of poverty.

What is the role of the faith community in all this? The Zero Poverty Project is inviting the faith community to lead the way in the effort to connect and re-connect one another through an upcoming Circles Initiative. Through training and screening, we will match 5 families with five groups of volunteer community allies for a 12-18 month period to navigate together, the road out of poverty. It is easy to develop relationships within your own economic class but it is quite a different thing to develop relationships across class lines with people who may hold different values. But this is what it takes to break the isolation of poverty. Circles systematically support people to have enough money, meaning, friends and other resources and at the same time uncover all barriers to leaving poverty.

The financial costs of poverty to the community are enormous. There will never be enough public resources, great ideas, and support to substantially reduce poverty. This is an invitation to join other community members in bringing the best of what we have to offer with the best in what government and social service agencies can provide.

Zero Poverty 2-day Training Workshop

Open to all: Friday, March 9th, from 5:30-8:00pm and Saturday, March 10th from 9:30-3:00pm at First Baptist Church-Church of the Brethren, 5200 Northland Ave NE, Cedar Rapids. Presented by Penny Galvin of the Four Oaks Cornerstone program, topics will include strength-based practice, dealing with differences, communications, community resources, values, confidentiality, boundaries and an introduction to the work of Ruby Payne's Bridges Out of Poverty. Training and dinner on Friday provided. \$7 charge for Saturday lunch (or brown bag it). Open to all (but training is required for anyone volunteering to be a circle 'ally'). Pre-registration is requested.

Returning Prisoner Simulation:

Thursday, March 15th, 6:30-9:00pm. Hope United Church of Christ, 150 9th Ave, Hiawatha. Crime is sometimes a result, or a cause, of poverty. Come to this interactive workshop and see what it would feel like to be a prisoner returning from prison back in to the community. You want to stay clean but can you find a job, housing, open a bank account and pay all your restitution, all with an expired drivers license? Try to become a successful citizen after prison time. Learn about Restorative Justice and supportive practices. Excellent learning opportunity for Zero Poverty Project Volunteers as well. Register today!
Contact Churches United at 366-7163 or churchesunited@yahoo.com

DVD Order Form

All Proceeds go toward Youth Mission Trip
(\$10 each or 6 for \$50)

Name: _____

Christmas Programs

	Number Ordered:	Price
Christmas Pageants... 1998, 1999, 2001 (includes bonus of Foldin' Followers Lawn Chair parade footage)		
I Wish You Jesus...Hus Christmas Musical 1995 (guest appearances by Don and Marcy Page as Grandma and Grandpa)		
A Lamb's Tale...Hus Christmas Musical 2000 (guest appearances by Jeff Schulz and Doug Page)		
It all Happened in the Country...Hus Christmas Musical 2002 (guest appearances by Bill Cabbage as Uncle Yule and Marcia Funcke as Granny)		
Sendin' Out Love...Hus Christmas Musical 2003 (including coverage by KCRG TV 9)		
The First Leon... Hus Christmas Musical 2004		
Mission Possible...Hus Christmas Musical 2005		
A King is Coming to Town... Hus Christmas Musical 2006		

Other Programs

You Are Special... February 2000 (adaptation of Max Lucado's childrens book by Hus Youth <i>and</i> adults)		
The Page Family Circus Services...1999, 2000, 2001 (the Pages and Raims lead worship of music, message and at times...comedy)		
Job... The Winter Traveler...August 1997 (join Jeff Schulz, Doug Page and David Raim for a musical message about Job)		
Travel 'n Tunes...A Dinner Theatre...September 1994 (take a trip around the world with a variety of music and fun)		

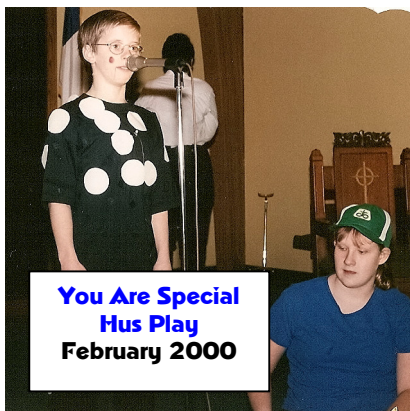
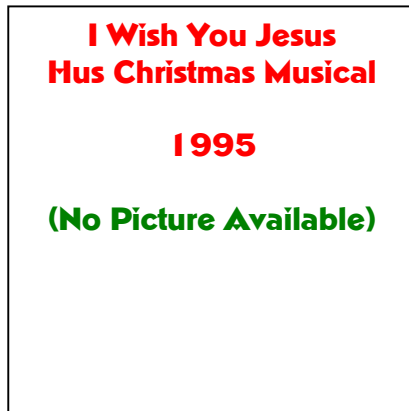
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Make checks payable to Hus Church.

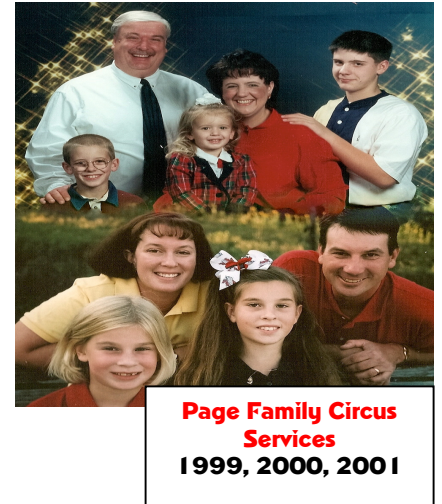
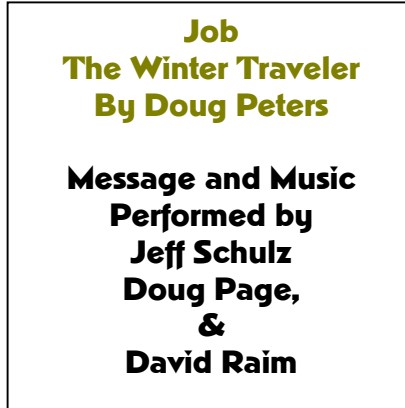
Return completed form to David Raim (2515 Swan Lake Rd. NW, North Liberty, IA 52317).

Hus Musicals, Plays, Programs and More on DVD

See Order Form to get yours today!



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Youth Group Fundraisers

NEW: Cartridges For Cash! We have partnered with Rapid Refill Ink recycling inkjet and laser toner cartridges. Inkjet cartridges are worth \$2 each and laser toner cartridges are worth \$3 each. They also are taking old cell phones that are then donated to a local cell phone company to be given to domestic abuse shelters.

Hy-Vee Fundraising Coupon Books: Each book costs \$5 and there are 50 coupons worth over \$50. The first coupon in the book is a coupon for \$5 off a \$75 or more purchase. The coupon books are good only at Cedar Rapids and Marion, Iowa Hy-Vee's.

In Memory / Honor Tree: Remember your loved one(s) by purchasing a nail to hang on the tree. The cost is \$5 per nail.

Hus Racing League: The kitchen is open during each race with proceeds going to the youth mission trip.

Cans & Bottles: A nickel sure adds up fast. A bag of cans is worth \$12 and a bag of 20 oz. bottles is worth \$7.20.

Coupon books and nails are sold before and after Sunday Services. Coupon books are also available during HRL races. Cans, bottles, inkjet and laser cartridges are taken anytime.

Rotational Sunday School Exploring God's World

Feeding the 5,000

Hus Sunday School has been learning about Jesus' miracles, focusing on the miracle of feeding the 5000. The memory verses are Luke 1:37 "For Nothing is impossible with God" and Philippians 4:19 "And my God shall supply all you need according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." The kids are focusing on the fact that Jesus reveals that he is God's Son by both the things he does and the gifts he give us. We need to remember that when God asks us to do something by faith, He always supplies us with what we need to do the task.

THE NAMES OF JESUS

This Easter rotation will be a little different in style than others that we have done. Each workshop will focus on a different name of Jesus:

- ✓ I am the Gate/Door
- ✓ I am the Light of the World
- ✓ I am the Bread of Life
- ✓ I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life
- ✓ I am the Resurrection
- ✓ I am the Vine and the Branches

The Stations:

**Imagination Island:
Creative Art**

**Bible Broadway:
Drama**

**Movies on the Mount:
Video**

**SCRIPTURE SAFARI:
Bible Exploration**

**Polar P.C.:
Computers**

HELP WANTED:
Hus Church Rotational Sunday School program will be going through some transitions in the fall of 2007. We will need 2 new teachers (one for Movies on the Mount and one for Bible Broadway). So, if you've been thinking about finding a way to serve the youth while having a great time, contact Michele Raim or Joyce McGivern. *Workshop leaders only need to commit to two Sundays every 5 weeks.*

***Where will my Child
be each week?***

Meet at 11am in Fellowship Hall

3/4: PreSchool through 3rd Graders - Imagination Island 4th-6th Graders - Movies on the Mount

3/11: PreSchool through 3rd Graders - Scripture Safari 4th-6th Graders - Imagination Island

3/18: PreSchool through 3rd Graders - Bible Broadway 4th-6th Graders - Polar P.C.

3/25: PreSchool through 3rd Graders - Movies on the Mount 4th-6th Graders - Bible Broadway

4/1: PreSchool through 3rd Graders - Imagination Island 4th-6th Graders - Movies on the Mount

Youth in 7th Grade through High School will meet in the Youth Room for Sunday School with Marcia, Terry and Diane.

Populating Heaven through World Missions

Praise God for all His Answers to Prayer!

We are truly blessed with all these answers to **YOUR** prayers.

- ❖ Safe travel over the holidays.
- ❖ Gift of family and how they shared what God taught them in 2006.
- ❖ Many wonderful emails that have encouraged us.
- ❖ Supporters that welcomed and loved on us when we were homeless.
- ❖ Car rental owner upgraded our vehicle so we drove an 800 mile day comfortably.
- ❖ Ladies of Cornerstone gave Krystal a bridal shower (the only one I will be able to attend).
- ❖ Church families encouraged, prayed and loved on us.
- ❖ Love gift from Cornerstone to help us with our start-up costs in Poland.
- ❖ Found 12 boxes that have a crush weight of 275 to pack our belongings.
- ❖ People who helped move those boxes into a trailer for us to haul.
- ❖ A family that hauled us to Chicago and treated us like royalty.
- ❖ A group of ladies who walked weekly and prayed for us.
- ❖ Airline ticket workers helped get our luggage checked without more cost.
- ❖ Defevers picked us up at Berlin Airport and opened their apartment for us to stay.

- ❖ No colds or flu
- ❖ Finished the year fully supported.
- ❖ Prayer Warrior Team committed to pray for us.



February
Greetings
from the
McKinnons

Prayers Needed

- ♥ Find just the right apartment with the neighbors God wants us to have.
- ♥ Provide just the right teacher to teach us Polish.
- ♥ Continue to adapt to the culture and not offend the Polish people.

We Are Now in Borne Sulinowo

It is rainy, no snow! They say it is a mild winter. We are temporarily staying in the apartment next to the Defever family while we look for a "flat." The people have been friendly and we are very motivated to learn more Polish. We are also thankful for the time we did spend learning some Polish in the States.

The Defevers (missionary mentors) are teaching us how to survive in another culture. We went to the store all by ourselves and bought popcorn. I was happy to see food cans with pictures even if I couldn't read the labels. We are working on getting our body rhythms in sync with this time zone. We are seven hours ahead of the Central Time Zone

KEEP POPULATING HEAVEN IN THE USA. Keep praying Colossians 4:3, asking God to open doors to connect with lost people. Christians have this very serious command to obey. "GO!" Your and my world is full of evangelistic opportunities: keep looking with obedient anticipation.

Car rental owner in Rocky Mount, North Carolina — he gave us a free upgrade after chatting with us for 15 minutes, I told him that I had nothing to give him in return for his generosity but Jesus. I shared my salvation story plus gospel and he, with great sincerity and fullness of heart, told me thank you. I asked my brother's pool man in Naples Florida, if the owners ever came out to talk with him and he said not very many. I commented that I thought my brother's gated community reminded me of heaven. Great beautiful wall around the outside, beautiful landscape and gorgeous houses. I then asked what he thinks will happen to him at his death. Would his life just be blown out like blowing out a candle or is there life some place after death. After he said he thinks there is heaven, I asked him would he get in and why? I then got to share my personal salvation story with the gospel. On the plane to Poland, I talked with a British man who said his good works will get him into heaven. He was surprised that the Bible said heaven was a free gift and he just needed to accept the gift through Jesus. What a great adventure,

TO OBEY AND "GO" POPULATE HEAVEN.



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Family News

A family is a wonderful blessing! I was reading an article that said whatever good comes into your life or blessings you receive, they are from God. We say a hearty AMEN to the blessing God gave us, our family.

We had Christmas with them in North Carolina. It was a blast. We met Isaac Leo, what a happy, content grandbaby. The rest of the family met Nathan (Krystal's fiancé).. He is a great addition. One of the best memories was on Christmas Eve when we remembered what Jesus did 2000 years ago and then sharing what He did in each of our lives this last year. It was a wonderful time of sharing.



We have been at both ends of the country this year, visited many of you and wished we could have visited the rest of you. It is amazing to us God's goodness and your generosity. Thank you for joining us on His adventure to Populate Heaven in Poland.

We said our final goodbyes. It was hard, so please continue to pray for us.

Kent and Jan



Vision for Venezuela

Christina Vail

nieves_christina@yahoo.com
www.flickr.com/photos/nieves

New Year, New Beginnings, New Identity!



Guess who is finally a Venezuelan citizen!!! After a year and a half of paperwork and traveling all around the U.S. and Venezuela to obtain it, I now have dual citizenship! This means that I no longer have to renew my visa every three months and that I can continue my work as a missionary, regardless of what this unpredictable government does!



January 2007

Yanina and Deivi, full-time missionaries with Vida Estudiantil, wed on December 2nd. Both of them had accepted Christ as University students through the ministry several years ago. Now they are serving the Lord together as Vida Estudiantil staff on the team in San Cristobal, Venezuela. Pray that God would bless their marriage and ministry!



Praise and Prayer:

- Although many were angered by the results of the presidential elections, the country did remain peaceful, praise God! However, a reported 300,000 Venezuelans have left the country since Chávez's victory.

- Please pray for Gustavo and Andreina as they begin their new life in Christ. Pray for their marriage, for healing, and the breaking of strongholds.



The holidays were unique this year, as I spent them with other missionaries who were far away from "home!" We had a traditional Thanksgiving dinner, a team gift exchange for Christmas, and I rang in the New Year at the home of a Venezuelan friend. It was great to experience the traditions of both cultures this year!

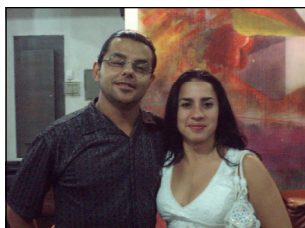
When you live in a tropical country you don't expect to get pneumonia, but somehow I managed to! The doctors wanted to hospitalize me, but I opted for plan B: respiratory treatments and antibiotic injections twice a day until better. It certainly wasn't fun being bed-ridden for a month but as you can see, I tried to make the best of it!



Participate!

- To request more frequent and detailed updates from Venezuela, email me (address above) to join my yahoo group!

- To contribute to the Gospel work in Venezuela through Vida Estudiantil, go to website: www.give.ccci.org and give online! My account number is 2812460.

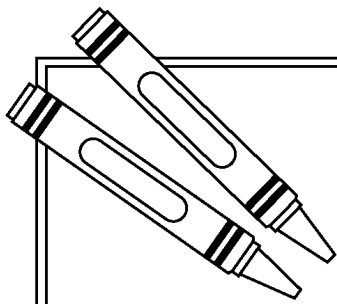


When Gustavo gave me a ride home in his taxi, I never expected what lie ahead! After sharing the Gospel with him, he accepted Christ right there in the car! Two days later, his wife Andreina got saved, too! However, it's been a hard road; she has an alcohol and cocaine addiction and needs much prayer for recovery and emotional healing.

During the break, Sored came to visit me from Mérida. We met last year and I have been discipling her ever since. Please pray for Sored as she struggles with family conflicts, boyfriend issues, and knowing how to live for God.

(photo: my roommate Jackie, Sored, and me)





Just for KIDS

Remember to Pray

There are many verses in the Bible that talk to us about prayer. Solve the puzzle below to see the lesson Paul teaches about prayer in Philemon 1:4. Think about your own life and your prayers.



Use the alphabet code to fill in the blanks, and then read Paul's message.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

" R Z O D Z B H G S Z M P N B

T L W Z H R I V N V N Y V I

B L F R M N B K I Z B V I H"

... Philemon 1:4, NIV

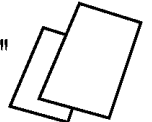
Answer: I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers

A PRAYER REMINDER

Many times we fold our hands together to pray. Here is a "handy" craft that can help you remember what to include in your prayers.

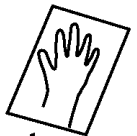
What you need:

- 2 sheets of 8½" x 11" construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Crayons
- 1 piece of ribbon, yarn or string about 6-12 inches long
- Glue (white or glue stick)



What to do:

1. Trace your hand on one sheet of paper.
2. Cut out the traced hand.
3. Tie the ribbon, yarn or string around the pointer (index) finger.



4. Write a message on each finger:
(Pointer finger) God's guidance (pray for help to follow God's ways)

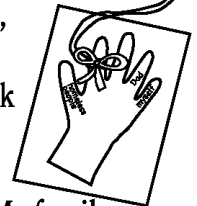


(Middle finger) Leaders in my life (teachers, pastors, etc.)

(Ring finger) Sick and old people

(Pinky finger)

Myself(Thumb) My family



5. Glue the hand onto the other sheet of paper.
6. Start with the ribbon finger and pray for God's help. Then pray for all the people on each finger.





Hi All,

Diane and I do not watch a lot of television each week. Because of this we do not have cable or satellite TV. There are however a few shows that we like to watch each week. Because of our busy schedules we usually tape them and watch them when we get a chance. This past week our chance to watch those shows was on Saturday. Halfway through the first show the power went out just as it was getting good. We sat for a little while hoping that the electricity would come back on. The longer we waited, the more we realized that it was not going to come back on anytime soon. Finally we went upstairs got a flashlight and some candles and then headed back downstairs to play some games starting with UNO. It is amazing how close together blue and green are with just candles providing the light. Yahtzee and Mancala were much easier.

It was eerie after that. Even if the TV and radio are off there are still the noises that houses make. The furnace running, the water heater keeping the water hot. The only thing that we could here was the wind howling outside and the freezing rain hitting the side of the house. The more time that passed the more we realized that the power was not going to come on anytime soon. Questions start running through your mind at this point. What if it gets too cold in the house and the pipes freeze? What if there is so much ice on the car and van that we cannot get into them to go somewhere safer? What if we leave a candle lit and a fire starts? What about all of the food that we just bought and put in the refrigerator and the freezer? All of this can leave a person with a lonely feeling. Fortunately Diane was there with me. It was then that I began to think about all of the people that were without power that did not have someone else to keep him or her company. It can be so quiet, lonely and frustrating to be alone. It is a feeling that I can relate to. It is the same feeling I had when Christ was not in my life. Now I cannot image being alone like that. In knowing Jesus I know that whether I am by myself, in an unfamiliar place, in an uneasy situation or even down as far as someone can get that I am never alone and through Him I have the strength and courage to face whatever is before me. In the chorus of BarlowGirl's song never alone they sing, "So I'll hold tight to what I know You're here and I'm never alone." If we just hold tight, believe that God is always by our side, truly we are never alone.

Psalm 61:1-4 (NLT)

For the choir director: A psalm of David, to be accompanied by stringed instruments.

¹O God, listen to my cry! Hear my prayer!

²From the ends of the earth, I cry to you for help when my heart is overwhelmed.

Lead me to the towering rock of safety,

³for you are my safe refuge, a fortress where my enemies cannot reach me.

⁴Let me live forever in your sanctuary, safe beneath the shelter of your wings!

Just as this Psalm states, God is our safe refuge and nothing can get to us because He is there. That is a comforting thought. It is the comfort that God provided that answered some of our questions. I remembered to turn a water faucet on to just a trickle to keep the pipes from freezing. We were in a safe place so even if the car and van get frozen over they will eventually thaw. The only candles we decided to light were in glass jars, no stick candles were used. We also made sure not to leave a room or go to bed without making sure every candle was out which wasn't too hard considering how dark it was. Food will keep in the refrigerator and freezer for up to 24 hours as long as you keep the door shut so when we needed something we listed out everything we wanted only opening and closing the door one time. We were definitely not alone. Not only did we have each other, we had God protecting us.

What I found was more important than anything else was to pray for everyone that did not have a house, with or without heat, for everyone that had to be outside in the storm, for those whose livelihood was threatened by the storm, as well as many more scenarios. I prayed for them and will continue to pray for them. Please pray for them too.

God Bless!

Because of Him,

Terry

⁵Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him. ⁶He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken. ⁷My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me. ⁸O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge.

Psalm 62:5-8 NLT

Upcoming Meetings

March

- Movie night. Join us on the 7th for movie night beginning at 5:15 PM. This would be a great night to invite some friends, just let us know how many are coming so we can make sure that we have enough to eat (please be sure to bring \$3 to help cover the cost of the meal).
- On the 14th, 21st, and 28th we will gather from 5:45 to 6:45 PM.
- Confirmation is on the 4th and the 18th from 2 to 3:30 PM.

Events not scheduled yet will be announced as far in advance as possible so you can make plans to attend.

April

- Movie night. Join us on the 4th for movie night beginning at 5:15 PM. This would be a great night to invite some friends, just let us know how many are coming so we can make sure that we have enough to eat (please be sure to bring \$3 to help cover the cost of the meal).
- On the 11th, 18th, and 25th we will gather from 5:45 to 6:45 PM.
- Confirmation is on the 1st, the 15th and the 29th from 2 to 3:30 PM.

Events not scheduled yet will be announced as far in advance as possible so you can make plans to attend.

Upcoming Concerts/Events

March

- 10th 2007 HRL Race #2.
- 11th Daylight Savings Time begins
- 15th 89.1 The Spirit Family Skate Night from 6:30 - 8:30 PM at Super Skate.
- 16th Shamrock Around the Clock

April

- 1st Palm Sunday
- 5th Youth group serving Sunday Evening Meal at 1st Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids from 4 to 6 PM.
- 8th Maundy Thursday Service 7 PM
- 8th Easter
- 14th Easter Sunrise Breakfast (youth group serving) - Time: TBA
- 27th-28th 2007 HRL Race #3.
- 30 Hour Famine

Every Monday: Youth Prayer Time, 7 PM from where ever you are.

Every Wednesday: Marion High School Bible Study
7:30 AM at Marion High School.

Every Friday: Breakfast Clubs

7:00 AM at Kennedy High School, Room 162.
7:30 AM at Prairie Middle School in Mr. Davis' room.
Times subject to change.

A conversation with God

Dear God, make me brave for life: oh, braver than this. Let me straighten after pain, as a tree straightens after the rain, shining and lovely again. God, make me brave for life; much braver than this. As the blown grass lifts, let me rise from sorrow with quiet eyes, knowing Thy way is wise. God, make me brave, life brings such blinding things. Help me to keep my sight; Help me to see aright that out of dark comes light.

Amen!



- Author Unknown

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